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-- PARLIAMENTARY REACTION

1. JUNE 8, 1981 CANADIAN HOUSE OF COMMONS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO "EXPRESS ITS DEEPEST CONCERN" TO GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL AND "URGE ALL GOVERNMENTS IN MIDDLE EAST".....TO MODERATION IN THEIR RESPONSE TO ISRAELI ATTACK ON NUCLEAR REACTOR IN IRAQ. FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER ALSO REQUESTED GOVERNMENT TO CONVEY TO ISRAEL "CANADIAN POSITION" THAT ATTACK IS VIEWED WITH GRAVE CONCERN, AND THAT CANADA IN NO WAY CONDONES SUCH AN ACTION. FOREIGN MINISTER AGREED TO DO SO.

2. JUNE 8 PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE OPPOSITION MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT DOUGLAS ROCHE (EDMONTON SOUTH) INTRODUCED THE FOLLOWING MOTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS. IT WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY:

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BEGIN QUOTE: THE ISRAELI ATTACK ON A NUCLEAR REACTOR IN IRAQ IS AN EVENT OF MOST IMPORTANCE WITH RESPECT TO WORLD SECURITY--THE ENTIRE WORLD HAS REASON TO FEEL THE DEEPEST CONCERN FOR GLOBAL SECURITY. THEREFORE, I MOVE, SECONDED BY THE HONORABLE MEMBER FROM DARTMOUTH-HALIFAX EAST (MICHAEL FORRESTALL) THAT THIS HOUSE EXPRESS ITS DEEPEST CONCERN TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL, AND URGE ALL GOVERNMENTS--IN THE MIDEAST AND ELSEWHERE--TO MODERATION IN ANY CONTEMPLATED RESPONSE, AND T FOREMOST THE SAFETY OF MANKIND IN THE INCREASINGLY DANGEROUS NUCLEAR AGE. END QUOTE. SMITH

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